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Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

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Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

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CAPITAL,.....\$800,000.
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Banks &

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

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THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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For Sale.

FOR SALE.

FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna, Brazil and Barcelona NUTS.
LETT'S DIARIES for 1879.
Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES.

CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS.

American PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES.

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Fancy Patterns.

TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS.

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Assorted Patterns.

ALBUMS, in great variety.

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VEYRON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES.

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IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH.

DESSERT, DINNER and BREAKFAST SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description.

FOLDING CHAIRS.

CIGARS, CIGARETTES.

KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCOES.

HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description.

CLARET in Casks. MALT, HOPS, GAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH.

CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORYDE OF LIME, &c., &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

S A M H I N G
S T U L T Z,
HAS JUST RECEIVED PER "CYPRUS,"
AND

HAS FOR SALE—

NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS.

WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds.

TABLE CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS.

HATS in EVERY STYLE.

DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES.

88 and 90, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, December 11, 1878. fe13

NOTICE.
TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK,

B E E F ! B E E F !

Ship "Commissary."

24 Tiers PRIME INDIA MESS BEEF, FOR SALE by private bargain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate, Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

WASHING BOOKS.
(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from E. DE LAURENCE, Esq., French Consul of Canton, to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 28th day of January, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

Sundry EFFECTS, belonging to the Estate of the late Captain LONGUEVILLE, comprising:—

A large collection of BOOKS.

A collection of Chinese, Japanese, Co-

rean, and Annamite COINS.

Aneroid, Sextant, Microscopes, Tele-

scopes, Binoculars, Medicine, Chest,

Breech-loading and Needle Rifles and

Fowling-Pieces, Spencer Repeating Ri-

fles, Pistols, and Cartridges.

Vases, Bronzes, Ornaments,

&c., &c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 10, 1879. ja25

For Sale.

EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

WOOLLEN SOCKS, DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS.
LETT'S DIARIES.

RIDING WHIPS, BRIDLES and PONY HARNESS.

RUG STRAPS, YORK HAMS, CHIT BOOKS.

HORSE CLIPPERS, FILTERS, SILVER LAMPS.

French and English BOOTS and SHOES.

PONY HARNESS, CHURCH'S FIREPROOF SAFES.

SALAMANDERS for Heating Baths.

WORKS OF REFERENCE, California APPLES.

HAIR BRUSHES, BILLIARD CLOTHS.

COPYING PRESSES, CHRISTY'S HATS.

SCARFS, COLLARS, KID GLOVES.

FOOD WARMERS, CIGARETTES.

CRICKET BATS, BALLS, GLOVES, &c.

PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.

BATH TOWELS, PAINT BOXES.

DAMASK for Table Cloths, STATIONERY.

PATENT WATER CLOSETS, POCKET BOOKS.

DOG COLLARS and CHAINS, TENNIS BALLS.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VALISES.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESSING BAGS, Fitted.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VALISES.

AIR CUSHIONS, BILLIARD BALLS.

SHORT SNIDERS with SWORD BAYONETS.

BASS'S ALE, GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by FOSTER.

Bass in Hds., SACCONI'S SHERRIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 9, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

BY Order of the Court of Directors, I have To-day HANDED OVER CHARGE of this BRANCH to Mr. JAMES SOMERVILLE.

WILLIAM FORREST, Manager.

Hongkong, January 16, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of JOHN GRANT SMITH and WILLIAM DOLAN in our Firm CEASED on the 31st day of December, 1878.

MAEWEHN, FRICKEL & CO. Dated this 31st day of December, 1878. fa4

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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL".]

(For E. & C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

LONDON, 17th January, 1879.

The Admiralty have decided to send out six River Gun-boats for Service on the China Station.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The sale of the steamer *America* was postponed until to-morrow at noon.The Spanish barque *Vicenta* was to leave Manila for this port on the 15th instant.The British barque *Omega*, from Shanghai, arrived at Manila on the 13th instant.The German barque *Falas* will load timber at the ports of Callayan and Leguineo for Hongkong.The Spanish barque *Conejita* was, on the 7th instant, loading Sapanwood at Iloilo for Hongkong.The French ironclad *Armid*, with Rear-Admiral Duburquin on board, arrived at Manila on the 9th instant from Yokohama.

The final examination of Mr H. Klein in Bankruptcy, previous to his obtaining his discharge, has been postponed sine die.

The watchman who was shot on Friday night is still alive, but inflammation has set in, and it is hardly likely he will recover.

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs Adamson, Bell & Co.) that the steamship *Gordon Castle*, from London, leaves Singapore today (20th) for Hongkong.We are informed by the Agent of the Messageries Maritimes that the French mail steamer *Yankee*, with the mails of December 14th, left Saigon for this port at noon to-day (20th), and passed Cape St. James at 5.15 p.m.

An Inquest was held this afternoon at the Temporary Civil Hospital, on the body of a chair cooler named Cheng Akin, employed by Messrs Carlowitz & Co., who died from opium poisoning. After hearing the evidence, which conclusively proved the cause of death to have been from the effects of opium poisoning, the inquest was adjourned for one week in order that further enquiries might be instituted.

The French barque *Julie*, Captain Lannay, on her voyage from Tuscany to this port, has put into Manila, after having been 31 days at sea, on the 10th instant, for fresh provisions and to repair her rigging. She reports that on the 27th December, one of the crew died at sea from scurvy, while the vessel was in lat. 17.55 N., long. 115.47 E. Her cargo consisted of salt and other merchandise.

SHORT-SENTENCE prisoners continue to be released on completing two-thirds of their sentence. A batch was so dealt with this evening. On this principle it would only be fair to release prisoners sentenced to one day's imprisonment when they have been detained 16 hours. The Magistrates should treble the sentences they deem sufficient to meet the requirements of the case, and the culprit will then about serve the full term of the punishment they (the Magistrates) at first intended to inflict.

It is an easy matter to raise a scare in this Colony now-a-days, and it is not to be wondered at that the report of a couple of rifle shots last night put everybody on the qui vive. That there was little occasion for uneasiness will be seen by the account of the incident which we give under the head of Marine Court intelligence; but what with the rifle shots and the arrival of the steamers from Canton, the harbour was pretty lively last night. Inspector Grimes manned and armed four boats, the junk people all turned out, the shore police rushed about wildly, sleepers were aroused from their slumbers and clutched the revolvers they always keep under their pillows, and toasters were suddenly sobered, as they wended their way along the now dangerous roads of Hongkong, fully expecting another raid on the Colony, and as fully determined to sell their lives dearly. Such is the state of terrorism in which we live that the sound of the chimes of our town clock are occasionally mistaken for an alarm calling all good citizens to arms.

We have had another instance of the dese parades to be found on the other side of the water. Last night a man went on board a junk lying close inshore at Yowmeh-ti, armed with a clumsy-looking knife or dagger. He was quite naked, or at all events was so when arrested, probably in order to avoid his being caught hold of. The people on board the junk all ran below hatches as soon as they observed the ruffian, who was brandishing the knife about in a manner which gave unmistakable evidence of his intention. The junkmen, although driven below, shouted loudly for assistance, and the thief made off. P.C. Fisher, who was attracted by the cry of

Intimations.

HUTCHINGS beg to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

Shop—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

FONTEAINE, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor.—Athold, Karberg & Co.

COMMISSARY, British ship, Captain A. Morrison.—Meyer & Co.

FANNY, French barque, Captain E. M. Gouy.—Landstede & Co.

S. R. BEAR, American barque, Capt. A. E. Oakes.—Russell & Co.

PRINCE ARTHUR, British barque, Capt. R. Willis.—Chinese.

MAID OF JUDAH, British barque, Capt. Alfred W. Webb.—Rozario & Co.

PACIFIC, German steamer, Capt. Hernsheim.—Siemsen & Co.

PILGRIM, American ship, Capt. Fowle.—Russell & Co.

ALFREDO, Italian barque, Captain S. Pitaluga.—Borneo Co., Limited.

To-day's Advertisements.

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HONGKONG VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

SHOT AND SHELL PRACTICE AT STANLEY.

ORDERLY ROOM, 20th January, 1879.

THE SEVEN POUNDER FIELD GUN DETACHMENT will assemble at MOUNT PIER on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd Instant, at 8 o'clock a.m.

SIDE ARMS and HELMETS.

A. COXON ja22 Captain-Commandant H. K. V. A.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE MACAO STEAMER will not run on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd instant.

By Order, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 20, 1879. ja23

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 19, *Yesso*, British steamer, 559, S. Ashton, Foochow Jan. 16, Amoy 16, and Swatow 18, General.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.Jan. 19, *Glenorchy*, British steamer, 1775, J. S. Hogg, London Nov. 12, via ports of call, and Singapore Jan. 12, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.Jan. 19, 1 p.m., *Conquest*, British steamer, 317, Scott, Haiphong Jan. 14, 8 a.m., and Hoihow 17, 6 a.m., General.—KWONG LEE YUEN.Jan. 19, *Amoy*, British steamer, from Canton.Jan. 19, *Margues del Duero*, Spanish transport, from Canton.Jan. 19, *Diamante*, British steamer, 514, E. Thebaud, Amoy Jan. 18, General.—RUSSELL & Co.Jan. 20, *Maria Louisa*, German barque, Chefoo, Beams.—WEILER & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Jan. 19, *Taiwan*, for Chefoo.19, *Kwangtung*, for Coast Ports.19, *Cassandra*, for Salagon.19, H.M.S. *Vigilant*, for a cruise.19, *Sun-tee*, Chinese R.C., for a cruise.19, *Crusader*, for Honolulu.20, *Ching Tsoo*, for Takow.20, *Penedo*, for Saigon.

CLEARED.

S. R. BEAR, for New York, Amoy, for Shanghai.

Pernambuco, for Salagon.

Per *Yesso*, for Swatow and Amoy.

Premier, for Rangoon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Yesso*, from Coast Ports, Mr Cousens, and 60 Chinese.Per *Glenorchy*, from London, Capt. Vincent, Mr Lowe, and 378 Chinese.Per *Conquest*, from Boihow, Etc., 12 Chinese.Per *Diamante*, from Amoy, 9 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Kwangtung*, for Amoy, Miss Hamm, and Mr Wilson; for Foochow, Dr and Mrs Taylor.Per *Penedo*, for Salagon, 10 Chinese.

TO DRAFT.

Per *Amoy*, for Shanghai, 12 Chinese.Per *Yesso*, for Coast, 200 Chinese.Per *Pernambuco*, for Salagon, 32 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Yesso* reports: Left Foochow on the 15th, and arrived in Amoy on the 16th, having fine weather throughout the passage. Left Amoy the 16th and Swatow on the 18th, having fine weather throughout to port. Passed a steamer bound North of Chelang Point. In Foochow: H.M.S. *Sheldrake*, stra. Europa and Douglas, and German Corvette. In Amoy: stra. Korea, Carlisle, and H.M.S. Hart. In Swatow: str. Tientsin and Kao.The British steamer *Glenorchy* reports: Left Singapore on Sunday the 12th at 7 a.m., had strong N.E. monsoon and heavy seas as far as lat. 70 N., and long. 108.12 E., from thence moderate breeze and fine weather. Up to lat. 16.0 N., long. 114.0 E., from thence had strong breeze and heavy head sea. Arrived off the Tap Rock on Saturday, the 18th at 8 p.m., weather thick with drizzling rain.The British steamer *Conquest* reports: Left Haiphong at 6 a.m. 14th inst., and arrived at Hoihow at 2 p.m. 15th. Left Hoihow at 6 a.m. 17th. Throughout the passage experienced strong N.E. winds and thick weather.

L. HENNEQUIN, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, January 20, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TAN AIS."

Commandant De La MARCELLE, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

L. HENNEQUIN, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, January 20, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A. American Bark "AGATE"

PIKE, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, January 20, 1879.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Glenorchy* having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are bereft of the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 27th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHERSON & Co.

Hongkong, January 20, 1879. ja27

CHINA NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the undermentioned BANKS will be Closed on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd instant.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation."

D. A. J. CROMBIE, its Manager.

For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China."

H. H. NELSON, Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China."

J. SOMERVILLE, Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris," E. SCHWEBLIN, Acting Agent.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation."

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the "National Bank of India, Utd."

R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, January 20, 1879. ja23

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:

For HOIHOW, with a mail for Pakhot.—For H.M.S. *Magpie*, at 2 p.m., on Thursday, the 23rd inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Irawaddy* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 25th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), Australia, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Reunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—*Yesso* leaves for Swatow, &c.*Glenorchy* leaves for Shanghai, &c.4 p.m.—*Amoy* leaves for Shanghai.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Tiger* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, January 22.—

Bank Holiday.

Volunteer Shell Practice at Stanley.

SATURDAY, January 25.—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

MONDAY, January 27.—

2 p.m.—*Normandy* leaves for Singapore, &c.Goods per *Glenorchy* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, January 28.—

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the junk-people, caught sight of the rascal, and gave chase. He succeeded in overtaking him, and the wretch, as soon as he perceived this, turned upon his pursuer and stoned his ground, brandishing his knife in a most threatening manner. He made a desperate cut at the Constable, who ward off with his staff, which bears unmistakable evidence of the strength of the blow. The Constable lost no time in turning the tables upon his assailant and knocked him down. A desperate struggle ensued for the possession of the knife, in which the would-be thief got his fingers somewhat severely lacerated; the knife having been drawn across his hand. The rascal was then walked off to durance vile, and he proves to be an old offender. He was brought up to-day and remanded.

We are in receipt of a communication from the European staff employed at the East Point Sugar Refinery, which may be said to fairly represent the feeling prevalent in the Colony—viz., that things are again looking serious in and around the Island. Mr. A. Gillanders, who signs the document in the name of his fellows, says:

With reference to the open, bare-faced murders and robberies with impunity, from Wing Loek Street downwards, and more especially the recent wholesale liberation of scoundrels from Hongkong Gaol by our sympathising Governor the other day—we, as a body of Europeans, from the manager downward, propose holding a meeting among ourselves to devise a method (before it is too late) for the best means of defending our lives and property, as well as the property of our employers. As an eye-witness about this quarter for a period of two years, I have on various occasions been out in the evenings, and I have seldom or ever seen any European Policeman, excepting only a Sergeant belonging to No. One Station. I also find that there are only one or two Indians between No. 2 Station and the Bridge near Jardine's Bazaar from 6 p.m. to a.m. I have also been informed that there are two Europeans patrolling on the same beat from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.; but I have failed to see them myself, as has also every other person about here. Now, Mr. Editor, would you kindly come to the front and let this be ikt in the proper quarter, and send it home, in the true spirit of the public interest that you are known to exercise. In conclusion, we beseech you in the event of an attack, for all the good that the beloved Chinese "look-on" would do us.

The competition for the cup presented by the Captain Superintendent of Police, to be shot for by members of the Police, was commenced on Saturday, when six competitors came forward. The following are the scores:

	200 yds.	800 yds.	400 yds.	Total.
McLennan	15	6	9	30
J. Smith	11	9	6	26
J. Butlin	14	9	12	35
J. McMillan	13	7	2	22
Harris	9	6	7	22
Haines	10	3	2	15

Another batch of men will fire to-day.

The Fort Darwin correspondent of the Singapore Daily Times writes as follows under date of Dec. 8th:—

The steamer *Charleton* arrived here from Hongkong on the 25th November, after having experienced very heavy weather in the early part of the voyage. She left Hongkong on the 10th, and when only a few hours out, was overtaken by a monsoon. The storm increased in violence for two days, and on the 12th, a heavy sea swept the two quartermasters from the wheel, crushed one of the boats to pieces and started the two deck houses from the deck beams, a large number of tropical plants consigned to the Resident at Port Darwin were destroyed and some water found its way into the afterhold. The gale abated on the 14th, and a fair passage was experienced until arrival at Port Darwin. The *Charleton* brought 50 Chinese passengers and 80 tons of cargo and left for the Southern ports, on the 27th, taking the Government railway survey party on their return to Adelaide.

The following telegrams are cut from the Singapore Daily Times:—

London, Jan. 6.—The Senatorial French Elections have resulted in a triumph for the Republicans—fifteen conservatives and sixty-four republicans have been elected.

The suspension of the Truro Bank has revived the uneasy feeling. Its liabilities are estimated at £500,000.

London, Jan. 6.—Mr. Foster speaking at Bradford severely attacked the Foreign policy of Government and said he hoped that the result of the election would condemn an imperialist policy which might lead us to a war with the whole world.

London, Jan. 7.—The depressed state of trade in causing a general movement and reduction of wages. Numerous strikes have taken place. 1,500 guards and shunters on the Midland Railway have struck work.

The First Lord of the Treasury (Premier) is suffering from a severe attack of gout.

London, Jan. 6.—Latest reports state that the Earl of Beaconsfield is progressing favourably.

The plague is increasing at Astrakhan, and the Russian authorities are adopting vigorous measures to localize it.

The semi-official "gazette Russie" confirms the report that the Amur of Afghanistan has entered Russian territory unthwarted by troops.

Hedges & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 11th January, 1879:—

Arrivals During the Week.—Jan. 7, Hsing, from Shanghai; 7, Kwang Tung, from Hongkong.

Departure During the Week.—Jan. 4, Queen of the West, for Shanghai; 5, Black Prince, for Shanghai; 5, Meantian, for Shanghai; 5, Appin, for Shanghai; 5, E. C. Dutch, for Hongkong; 7, Kolka, for Shanghai; 9, Sheldrake, for Cruise; 10, Kwang Tung, for Hongkong.

Shipping in Ports.—Ling Fong, Vale of Nith, 8th.

Police Intelligence. (Both Magistrates Sitting.)

20th January, 1879.

DRUNKENNESS.

Thomas Shepherd, seaman unemployed, and Christian Anderson, seaman British ship *Premier*, were charged, the first with being drunk and assaulting the Police, and the second with attempting to rescue the first from the custody of the Police.

Inspector Matheson gave evidence to the effect that the arresting constable (Indian Constable No. 563) was very excited when he brought the 1st defendant to the Police Station, the 2nd defendant was perfectly sober, 1st defendant fined \$5, or 10 days' imprisonment; 2nd, discharged with a caution.

William Mortimer, seaman American ship *Charmer*, was charged with being drunk and incapable-in Lascas Row. Cautioned and discharged.

Waxi Messafi, a seaman belonging to the Russian corvette *Bayan*, was fined 20 cents for being drunk and incapable in the Queen's Road.

Patra Shiflik, seaman Russian corvette *Bayan*, was charged with being drunk and assaulting several Chinese. None of the Chinese wished to appear against the man. Inspector Orley said that the defendant assaulted him and a European gentleman who came to his (Orley's) assistance. Defendant admitted being drunk, but knew nothing of what had occurred. Fined \$5, or 14 days' imprisonment with hard labour.

ASSAULT.

Frederick Swartz, a seaman unemployed, was charged with committing an unprovoked assault upon one Ng Ahia.

Defendant said that some one threw water upon him, and he struck the complainant by mistake.—Fined \$2, or 8 days' imprisonment with hard labour.

ALL ABOUT A BANGLE.

Pang A-i and two others, coolies, were charged with being in the unlawful possession of a pawn-ticket for a silver bangle the property of one Chan Akuei, a married woman, residing at No. 4 Tang Wo Lane, Shek-tung-tsui. The 1st prisoner was arrested at the pawn-shop, where he went to redeem the bangle. He then gave information which led to the arrest of the 2nd prisoner, who in his turn gave evidence which led to the arrest of the third. Finally the fourth was arrested, and the theft of the bangle brought home to him.

Mr. Russell gave the other three a severe lecturing and discharged them, but the fourth was sent to one month's hard labour.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO DEFRAUD THE OPIUM FARMER.

Akwal, passenger's cook on board the British steamer *Danube*, was charged on remand with having in his possession two boxes of prepared opium without a permit from the Opium Farmer. Mr. Robert Tiddy, the chief officer of the *Danube*, gave evidence on behalf of the defendant, who was discharged with a caution, but the opium was ordered to be handed over to the Opium Farmer.

BRUTAL ASSAULT.

David Miller, fireman S. S. *Killarney*, was charged with assaulting one Thomas Cox, a bandsman.

Thomas Cox, the complainant, said that the defendant struck him frequently with his fist at the "Land we live in." They had been together for a short time.

Jesus Short, Chief Officer of the Connaught Ranger, said that he saw the complainant go into the house. He was drunk and tore defendant's coat. The defendant then caught him by the hair of the head and pushed him on the floor, and struck him four or five severe blows and kicked him in the face. The landlord came from behind the bar and quelled the disturbance, when the defendant threw the bandsman outside the door. Defendant then ran away and witness caught him and gave him into custody. Defendant was not under the influence of drink.

Defendant was sentenced to 7 days' hard labour and fined \$5 or 7 days' further imprisonment with hard labour. He requested that he might be fined, and was accordingly fined \$10 or 14 days' hard labour, at the same time expressing regret for what had occurred.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Chen Ahung, a carpenter, was sent to 4 days' hard labour for being found on board the steam-launch running between this and Aberdeen, and for being in the unlawful possession of 14 lbs. of old copper. When arrested he wanted to throw it overboard.

A DISHONEST WATCHMAN.

Mahar Ali, a watchman, was sent to 4 months' hard labour for stealing a number of articles the property of his employer, Mr. Ingalls, engineer at Wanchai.

Marine Court.

(Before J. P. McEuen, Esq., Acting Marine Magistrate.)

20th January, 1879.

Chan Yow, master, and Chan Koon Sing, seaman belonging to the junk *Chan Sung Li*, were charged with discharging two muskets in the Harbour of Victoria on the night of the 10th instant at about 4 to 11 o'clock. Inspector Grimes and P. C. Delargy (34) both gave evidence. The constable said that from the time that he heard the shots fired until he got alongside, the junk people told both the Inspector and the constable that they had fired at a boat containing three men who were trying to steal some fowls, but the constable saw a great deal of commotion amongst the junk people. The junk people could not say in which direction the boat went.

The defendant said that their junk had only arrived about 9 p.m. last night, loaded with fowls, and shortly afterwards three men came alongside in a small sampan and stole thirty fowls; 2nd defendant (who was on watch at the time) fired at them.

Defendants were cautioned and discharged.

(Before J. P. McEuen Esq., and C. V. Creagh Esq.)

NO SIKHARAS.

A junk-master was sent to gaol, pending instructions from H. E. the Governor, for leaving the Harbour at Yow-mah-ti without a clearance. The Magistrate recommended that a fine of \$5 be inflicted in case of confounding the junk.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

18th January 1879.

Sir,—From your issue of last evening I noticed that you had been "informed" that all the prisoners liberated by the Governor on the 15th instant had fully served two-thirds of their term of sentence. It is not impossible, according to the law of probabilities, that this information may be correct; but I feel constrained to ask you whether it is likely that each of the sentences of the seventy-eight prisoners referred to reached its two-thirds stage exactly on the same day! I conclude from your comments that your opinion is clearly against the release of the men at all at this season. But you seem to have overlooked the strong improbability of the coincidence above mentioned.

Yours, QUI VIVE.

TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES FROM HONGKONG.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Jan. 20.

Sir,—A Manchester correspondent of the *London & China Express*, signing himself "China," takes notice of several telegrams which have been sent from Hongkong lately. 1st, a glowing account of the financial position of the Colony and praises of the administration which had so increased the revenues; 2nd, 2nd, before that had been forgotten, comes another, containing a "string of eulogies on the impartial and excellent Government of Mr. Poole Hennessy" uttered by the new Chinese Minister at a banquet given in his honour by the Governor. I would like to know, whether or not there was any political necessity for sending to England such messages and if the messages are sent at the expense of the Colony?

As a rate-payer I have a most decided objection to public money being spent on such a thing.

I can remember having seen objections against the heavy bills for telegraphic messages sent between Barbadoes and England and which that once unhappy Colony was obliged to pay.

I think however it is better to object to public money being spent now on such trifling, than to wait till a later date.

Yours, A "REAL" OLD RESIDENT.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

January 20, 1879.

Sir,—I must enter my protest against Mr. Keawick and the uncivilized tone of his remarks at the Legislative Council. This gentleman has lately set himself systematically to oppose the humane policy of Mr. Hennessy, and in so doing has more than once made use of expressions which, though possibly "Parliamentary," are by no means complimentary. Mr. Hennessy wishes to nurse the poor deluded Chinese burglar and "raider" who has hitherto been lashed into propriety by the ruthless slave-driving foreigner; and Mr. Keawick, in a roundabout elegant way, says it is all "bosh." The Governor desires to spend a large fortune in enlarging the cells of the poor deluded "Wing-lokites" aforesaid; and Mr. Keawick again actually suggests that the slums of Taipu-ghan be improved and the water supply increased! Mr. Hennessy suddenly blazes up in all the glory of a fire-worshipper and pleads for the cessation of "blowing up" houses—it is so exhilarating to see the houses licked up by the flames instead—for which he has no sympathy whatever. Again Mr. Keawick exhibits his total want of feeling, goes in for "blowing up" on principle, and says that the fire was "blown" out and not put out. Mr. Hennessy, backed by his friend Mr. Reed, was perfectly enraptured with the display of ability made at the late fire by all concerned, and thanked everybody all round. But Mr. Keawick, on the other hand, did not think the display of ability was anything like equal to the extent of the sad calamity. Be thought the Governor and the "fire-master," and the want of water, and the mismanagement, were all wrong; he saw the fire from beginning to end, when Mr. Hennessy was asleep. Really the want of sentiment and right feeling in the Colony is getting to a point. I think a public meeting will have to be called to extinguish Mr. Keawick; the heaviest man in the Colony must be got to "sit on" him; and I must send the result to the *Tokio Times* and telegraph it to the *Cork Examiner*.

Yours, In sorrow,
"AN OLD RESIDENT."

A CHINESE NOTE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

January 18, 1879.

Sir,—Some time ago the writer of "Chinese Notes," in discussing the *ting ch'ü*, or, as it has been variously translated, "slicing process," "lingering death," etc., seemed to entertain some doubt whether this form of punishment was ever carried into effect. We beg to refer him to no less an authority than Thomas Taylor Meadows, whose description of a scene on the Canton execution ground on the 8th of July 1861 may help to dissipate any doubts he may still have upon the subject. At p. 653 of "The Chinese and their Rebels," Mr. Meadows says:—"As soon as the thirty-three men were decapitated, the same execution proceeded, with a single-edged dagger or knife, to cut up the man on the cross; whose sole clothing consisted of his wide trousers, rolled down to his hips and up to his buttocks. He was a strongly made man, above the middle size and apparently about forty years of age. The authorities got him by seizing his pants and wife; when he surrendered, as well to save them from torture as to secure them the seven thousand dollars offered for his apprehension. The mandarins, having future cases in mind, rarely break faith on such occasions. As the man was at the distance of twenty-five yards, with his side towards us, though we observed the two cuts across the forehead, the cutting off of the left breast, and plucking of the flesh from the front of the thighs, we could not see all the horrible operation; from the first stroke of the knife till the moment the body was cut down from the cross and decapitated, about four or five minutes elapsed. We should not have been prohibited from going close up, but it may be easily imagined, even a powerful curiosity was an insufficient inducement to jump over a number of dead bodies and literally wade through pools of blood, to place ourselves in the hearing of the groans indicated by the heaving chest and quivering limbs of the poor man."

Yours, etc., H. L. S.

China.

FOOCHOW.
(Herald, Jan. 9th.)

Whether we consider the brilliancy of the weather, the high class of competing ponies, the thorough efficiency of the riders, or the unusually large assemblage of spectators, the Winter Meeting of 1879 must be pronounced an unequalled success. The ground was in splendid "going" order, and consequently, excellent time was recorded. But, perhaps the most marked improvement noticeable was the commendable punctuality observed in starting the races:—delay in bringing ponies to the post at former meetings having caused a certain inconvenience to all and positive discomfort to many of those concerned. Messrs. Dunnill & Brockett, of the Foochow Hotel, provided an excellent tiffin on each of the three days.

FIRST DAY.

1.—The *Kuei-Lam Stung-Si Cup*.—(Presented). Value \$100. For all China Ponies. Weights as per scale. 1 mile.

FIELD.—*Black Cloud*, *Brutus*, *Strathavon*, *Scud*, *Sombrero*.

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2.—" St. Andrew's.....*Scud*.

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Mails.

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BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 25th January, 1879, at Noon, the Company's S. S. IMAOUDDY, Commandant GAUVAIN, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 24th January, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, January 14, 1879. ja25

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THE S. S. OCEANIA will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 4th February, 1879, at 8 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Bright will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 3rd February. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSENGER TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, January 3, 1879. fea

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, Books, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

Insurances.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to grant POLICIES AGAINST FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$60,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent.

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Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

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Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

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J. BRADLEY SMITH,
General Agent,
pro tem.

Hongkong, December 5, 1878.

INSURANCES.

BERLIN COLOGNE
FIRE-INSURANCE COMPANY,
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Guarantees Funds of the
Company's Resources, M. 100,000,000
Shareholders' Capital, 6,000,000
Premiums and Interests, 5,157,643
Reserves, 1,666,122

Makes a Grand Total of... M. 112,823,763

Capital Insured end of 1877, M. 1,024,507,681

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

IN Consequence of the Fire, NAM HUNG LOONG has REMOVED to No. 6, STANLEY STREET, where Business will be Conducted as usual.

Hongkong, December 23, 1878. ja28

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY,
IN LIQUIDATION.

The Undersigned having been Appointed AGENTS GENERAL for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances to the extent of \$50,000 on First-class Risks at Current Rates.

GROSSMANN & Co.,
Agents General.

Hongkong, January 1879. fe16

THE GUARDIAN FIRE AND LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LONDON.

THE AGENCY of the above Company at this Port and at Foochow has This Day been Transferred to the Undersigned, who are prepared to accept Risks and grant Policies at Current Rates.

BIRLEY & Co.

Hongkong, January 11, 1879. fe11

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HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

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JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1878.

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Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

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Hongkong, July 1, 1878.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

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To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A, and those in the body of the Harbour are marked B, and midway between each shore are marked C, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.

2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.

3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.

4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.

6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.

8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Arr. Age.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Albay	6 c	F. Ashton	Brit. str.	366	Jan. 18	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Amoy & Taiwan Foo	K'loon Dock
America	4 c	Graham	Brit. str.	1000	Jan. 17	Landstein & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Amoy	4 c	Drewes	Brit. str.	814	Jan. 19	Siemens & Co.	Hoihow & Haiphong	K'loon Dock
Argyll	5 c	Scott	Brit. str.	1271	Jan. 22	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Bangkok	Wanchai Pier
Atlanta	—	Petersen	Cor. str.	783	Jan. 19	Meyer & Co.	Yokohama	Manila
Bellona	1 h	Ahrens	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong	Shanghai	Yokohama
Bombay	—	—	Brit. str.	1036	Jan. 21	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Hoihow & Haiphong	K'loon Dock
Chinkiang	5 c	Alderton	Brit. str.	799	Dec. 21	Siemens & Co.	Bangkok	Yokohama
Conquest	5 h	Scott	Brit. str.	561	Jan. 18	Kwong Lee Yuen	Manila	Yokohama
Danube	3 h	O'Clancy	Brit. str.	117	Jan. 19	Yuen Fat Hong	Shanghai	Tag Plying
Diamante	5 l	Thebaud	Brit. str.	514	Jan. 19	Russell & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Fame	6 i	Stopani	Brit. str.	117	Jan			